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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations (Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government)

1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and 3 Consumer Services; creating s. 15.0521, F.S.; 4 designating tupelo honey as the official state honey; 5 amending s. 482.111, F.S.; specifying the requirements 6 for original certification as a pest control operator; 7 specifying the fee for the renewal of a certificate; 8 amending s. 482.1562, F.S.; specifying the deadline 9 for recertification of persons who wish to apply urban 10 landscape commercial fertilizer; providing a grace 11 period for recertification; amending s. 500.03, F.S.; 12 revising the definition of the term "food" to include 13 dietary supplements; defining the term "vehicle"; 14 amending s. 500.10, F.S.; providing additional 15 conditions under which food may be deemed adulterated; 16 amending s. 500.11, F.S.; including failure to comply with labeling relating to major food allergens as a 17 18 criterion for use in determining whether food has been 19 misbranded; amending s. 570.07, F.S.; revising the department's functions, powers, and duties; amending 20 s. 570.30, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the 21 2.2 Division of Administration; amending s. 570.441, F.S.; 23 authorizing the use of funds in the Pest Control Trust 24 Fund for activities of the Division of Agricultural 25 Environmental Services; providing for expiration; 26 amending s. 570.53, F.S.; revising the powers and 27 duties of the Division of Marketing and Development to

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28 remove the enforcement provisions relating to the 29 dealers in agricultural products law; amending s. 30 570.544, F.S.; revising the duties of the director of the Division of Consumer Services to include 31 32 enforcement provisions relating to the dealers in 33 agricultural products law; creating s. 570.68, F.S.; 34 authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to create 35 an Office of Agriculture Technology Services; 36 providing duties of the office; amending s. 570.681, 37 F.S.; revising the legislative findings relating to 38 the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park; 39 amending s. 570.685, F.S.; authorizing, rather than 40 requiring, the department to provide administrative and staff support services, meeting space, and record 41 42 storage for the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse 43 Park Authority; amending s. 571.24, F.S.; clarifying 44 the intent that the Florida Agricultural Promotional 45 Campaign serve as a marketing program; removing an obsolete provision relating to the designation of a 46 47 division employee as a member of the Advertising Interagency Coordinating Council; amending s. 571.27, 48 49 F.S.; removing obsolete provisions relating to the 50 authority of the department to adopt rules for 51 entering into contracts with advertising agencies for 52 services that are directly related to the Florida 53 Agricultural Promotional Campaign; amending s. 571.28, 54 F.S.; revising the composition of the Florida 55 Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory Council; 56 amending s. 576.041, F.S.; revising the frequency with

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57 which tonnage reports of fertilizer sales must be 58 made; revising the timeframe for submission of such 59 reports; creating s. 580.0365, F.S.; providing for the preemption of commercial feed and feedstuff 60 61 regulation; amending s. 581.181, F.S.; providing 62 applicability of provisions requiring treatment or 63 destruction of infested or infected plants and plant products; creating s. 581.189, F.S.; creating the 64 65 Grove Removal or Vector Elimination (GROVE) Program; 66 specifying the purpose of the program; defining terms; 67 requiring the department to adopt rules for reviewing 68 and ranking applications for cost-share funding to 69 remove or destroy abandoned citrus groves; 70 establishing per applicant award maximums; specifying 71 that the total funds awarded in a fiscal year cannot 72 exceed the amount specifically appropriated for the 73 program; specifying application requirements; 74 specifying how the department must process 75 applications; specifying that noncompliance will 76 result in forfeiture of cost-share funds; requiring 77 the department to rank and review applications and to 78 conduct a certain inspection; specifying grounds for 79 denial of an application; requiring applicants 80 selected for funding to timely initiate and complete 81 the removal of identified citrus trees in accordance 82 with their respective applications; providing the 83 process for making payments to applicants; authorizing the department to adopt rules; specifying that funding 84 85 for the program is contingent upon specific

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86 appropriation by the Legislature; amending s. 582.01, 87 F.S.; redefining terms relating to soil and water 88 conservation; amending s. 582.02, F.S.; providing 89 legislative intent and findings relating to soil and 90 water conservation districts; providing a statement of 91 purpose; amending s. 582.055, F.S.; revising the 92 powers and duties of the department; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 582.06, F.S.; 93 94 requiring the Soil and Water Conservation Council to 95 accept and review requests for creating or dissolving 96 soil and water conservation districts and to make 97 recommendations to the commissioner; requiring the 98 council to provide recommendations to the commissioner 99 relating to the removal of supervisors under certain 100 circumstances; amending s. 582.16, F.S.; revising how 101 district boundaries may be changed; amending s. 102 582.20, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of 103 districts and supervisors; amending s. 582.29, F.S.; 104 revising the terms under which certain state agencies 105 must cooperate; amending s. 595.402, F.S.; defining 106 terms relating to the school food and nutrition 107 service program; amending s. 595.404, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the department with regard to 108 109 the school food and nutrition service program; 110 directing the department to collect and annually 111 publish data on food purchased by sponsors through the 112 Florida Farm to School Program and other school food and nutrition service programs; amending s. 595.405, 113 114 F.S.; clarifying requirements for the school nutrition

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115 program; requiring breakfast meals to be available to 116 all students in schools that serve any combination of 117 grades kindergarten through 5; amending s. 595.406, F.S.; renaming the "Florida Farm Fresh Schools 118 119 Program" as the "Florida Farm to School Program"; 120 authorizing the department to establish by rule a 121 recognition program for certain sponsors; amending s. 122 595.407, F.S.; revising provisions of the children's 123 summer nutrition program to include certain schools 124 that serve any combination of grades kindergarten 125 through 5; revising provisions relating to the 126 duration of the program; authorizing school districts 127 to exclude holidays and weekends; amending s. 595.408, 128 F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the 129 act; amending s. 595.501, F.S.; requiring certain 130 entities to complete corrective action plans required 131 by the department or a federal agency to be in compliance with school food and nutrition service 132 133 programs; amending s. 595.601, F.S.; revising a cross-134 reference; amending s. 601.31, F.S.; specifying that 135 certain citrus inspectors must be licensed by the 136 state Department of Agriculture rather than the United 137 States Department of Agriculture; amending s. 604.21, 138 F.S.; deleting a requirement relating to complaints 139 filed by electronic transmission or facsimile; 140 amending s. 604.33, F.S.; deleting provisions 141 requiring grain dealers to submit monthly reports; 142 authorizing, rather than requiring, the department to 143 make at least one spot check annually of each grain

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144 dealer; repealing s. 582.03, F.S., relating to the 145 consequences of soil erosion; repealing s. 582.04, 146 F.S., relating to appropriate corrective methods; 147 repealing s. 582.05, F.S., relating to legislative 148 policy for conservation; repealing s. 582.08, F.S., 149 relating to additional powers of the department; repealing s. 582.09, F.S., relating to an 150 151 administrative officer of soil and water conservation; 152 repealing s. 582.17, F.S., relating to the presumption 153 as to establishment of a district; repealing s. 154 582.21, F.S., relating to adoption of land use 155 regulations; repealing s. 582.22, F.S., relating to district regulations and contents; repealing s. 156 157 582.23, F.S., relating to performance of work under 158 the regulations by the supervisors; repealing s. 159 582.24, F.S., relating to the board of adjustment; 160 repealing s. 582.25, F.S., relating to rules of procedure of the board; repealing s. 582.26, F.S., 161 162 relating to petitioning the board to vary from 163 regulations; repealing s. 582.331, F.S., relating to 164 the authorization to establish watershed improvement districts within soil and water conservation 165 districts; repealing s. 582.34, F.S., relating to 166 167 petitions for establishment of watershed improvement 168 districts; repealing s. 582.35, F.S., relating to 169 notice and hearing on petitions, determinations of 170 need for districts, and boundaries; repealing s. 171 582.36, F.S., relating to determination of feasibility 172 of proposed districts and referenda; repealing s.

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173 582.37, F.S., relating to consideration of results of 174 referendums and declaration of organization of 175 districts; repealing s. 582.38, F.S., relating to the 176 organization of districts, certification to clerks of 177 circuit courts, and limitation on tax rates; repealing 178 s. 582.39, F.S., relating to establishment of 179 watershed improvement districts situated in more than 180 one soil and water conservation district; repealing s. 181 582.40, F.S., relating to change of district 182 boundaries or names; repealing s. 582.41, F.S., 183 relating to boards of directors of districts; 184 repealing s. 582.42, F.S., relating to officers, 185 agents, and employees, surety bonds, and annual 186 audits; repealing s. 582.43, F.S., relating to status 187 and general powers of districts; repealing s. 582.44, 188 F.S., relating to the levy of taxes and taxing 189 procedures; repealing s. 582.45, F.S., relating to fiscal powers of a governing body; repealing s. 190 191 582.46, F.S., relating to additional powers and 192 authority of districts; repealing s. 582.47, F.S., 193 relating to the coordination between watershed 194 improvement districts and flood control districts; 195 repealing s. 582.48, F.S., relating to the 196 discontinuance of watershed improvement districts; 197 repealing s. 582.49, F.S., relating to the 198 discontinuance of soil and water conservation 199 districts; repealing s. 589.26, F.S., relating to the 200 dedication of state park lands for public use; 201 providing effective dates.

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203	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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205	Section 1. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section
206	15.0521, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
207	15.0521 Official state honeyTupelo honey is designated as
208	the official Florida state honey.
209	Section 2. Subsections (1) and (7) of section 482.111,
210	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
211	482.111 Pest control operator's certificate
212	(1) The department shall issue a pest control operator's
213	certificate to each individual who qualifies under this chapter.
214	Before the issuance of the original certification, an individual
215	must have completed an application for examination, paid the
216	examination fee provided for in s. 482.141, and passed the
217	examination. Before engaging in pest control work, each
218	certified operator must be certified as provided in this
219	section. Application must be made and the issuance fee must be
220	paid to the department for the original certificate within 60
221	days after the postmark date of written notification of passing
222	the examination. During a period of 30 calendar days following
223	expiration of the 60-day period, an original certificate may be
224	issued; however, a late issuance charge of \$50 shall be assessed
225	and must be paid in addition to the issuance fee. An original
226	certificate may not be issued after expiration of the 30-day
227	period, without reexamination.
228	(7) The fee for <del>issuance of an original certificate or</del> the

229 renewal <u>of a certificate</u> thereof shall be set by the department 230 but may not be more than \$150 or less than \$75; however, until

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rules setting these fees are adopted by the department, the issuance fee and the renewal fee shall each be \$75.

233 Section 3. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 482.1562, 234 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

482.1562 Limited certification for urban landscapecommercial fertilizer application.-

(5) An application for recertification must be made <u>4 years</u>
 <u>after the date of issuance</u> <del>at least 90 days before the</del>
 <del>expiration</del> of the current certificate and be accompanied by:

(a) Proof of having completed the 4 classroom hours ofacceptable continuing education required under subsection (4).

(b) A recertification fee set by the department in an
amount of at least \$25 but not more than \$75. Until the fee is
set by rule, the fee for certification is \$25.

245 (6) A late renewal charge of \$50 per month shall be 246 assessed 30 days after the date the application for 247 recertification is due and must be paid in addition to the renewal fee. Unless timely recertified, a certificate 248 249 automatically expires 90 days after the recertification date. 250 Upon expiration or after a grace period ending 30 days after 251 expiration, a certificate may be issued only upon the person 252 reapplying in accordance with subsection (3).

253 Section 4. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section 254 500.03, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (cc) is 255 added to that subsection, to read:

256 257 500.03 Definitions; construction; applicability.-

- (1) For the purpose of this chapter, the term:
- (n) "Food" includes:

Articles used for food or drink for human consumption;

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260 2. Chewing gum;

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3. Articles used for components of any such article; and

4. Articles for which health claims are made, which claims 263 are approved by the Secretary of the United States Department of 264 Health and Human Services and which claims are made in 265 accordance with s. 343(r) of the federal act, and which are not 266 considered drugs solely because their labels or labeling contain 267 health claims; and

5. "Dietary supplements" as the term is defined in 21 U.S.C. s. 321(ff)(1) and (2).

271 The term includes any raw, cooked, or processed edible 272 substance; ice; any beverage; or any ingredient used, intended 273 for use, or sold for human consumption.

274 (cc) "Vehicle" means a mode of transportation or mobile 275 carrier used to transport food from one location to another, 276 including, but not limited to, cars, carts, cycles, trucks, 277 vans, trains, railcars, aircraft, and watercraft.

278 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 500.10, Florida 279 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (5) is added to that 280 section, to read:

281 500.10 Food deemed adulterated.-A food is deemed to be 282 adulterated:

283 (1) (a) If it bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious 284 substance which may render it injurious to health; but in case 285 the substance is not an added substance such food shall not be 286 considered adulterated under this clause if the quantity of such 287 substance in such food does not ordinarily render it injurious 288 to health;

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(b) If it bears or contains any added poisonous or added deleterious substance, other than one which is a pesticide chemical in or on a raw agricultural commodity; a food additive; or a color additive, which is unsafe within the meaning of s. 500.13(1);

(c) If it is a raw agricultural commodity and it bears or contains a pesticide chemical which is unsafe within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. s. 346(a) or s. 500.13(1);

297 (d) If it is or it bears or contains, any food additive 298 which is unsafe within the meaning of 21 U.S.C. s. 348 or s. 299 500.13(1); provided that where a pesticide chemical has been 300 used in or on a raw agricultural commodity in conformity with an exemption granted or tolerance prescribed under 21 U.S.C. s. 346 301 302 or s. 500.13(1), and such raw agricultural commodity has been subjected to processing such as canning, cooking, freezing, 303 304 dehydrating, or milling, the residue of such pesticide chemical 305 remaining in or on such processed food shall, notwithstanding the provisions of s. 500.13, and this paragraph, not be deemed 306 307 unsafe if such residue in or on the raw agricultural commodity 308 has been removed to the extent possible in good manufacturing 309 practice, and the concentration of such residue in the processed food when ready to eat, is not greater than the tolerance 310 prescribed for the raw agricultural commodity; 311

(e) If it consists in whole or in part of a diseased, contaminated, filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for food;

(f) If it has been produced, prepared, packed, <u>transported</u>, or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may become contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been rendered

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318	diseased, unwholesome, or injurious to health;
319	(g) If it is the product of a diseased animal or an animal
320	which has died otherwise than by slaughter, or that has been fed
321	upon the uncooked offal from a slaughterhouse; or
322	(h) If its container is composed, in whole or in part, of
323	any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render the
324	contents injurious to health.
325	(5) If a dietary supplement or its ingredients present a
326	significant risk of illness or injury due to:
327	(a) The recommended or suggested conditions of use on the
328	product label;
329	(b) The failure to provide conditions of use on the product
330	label; or
331	(c) It containing an ingredient for which there is
332	inadequate information to provide reasonable assurances that the
333	ingredient does not present a significant risk of illness or
334	injury.
335	Section 6. Paragraph (m) of subsection (1) of section
336	500.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
337	500.11 Food deemed misbranded
338	(1) A food is deemed to be misbranded:
339	(m) If it is offered for sale and its label or labeling
340	does not comply with the requirements of 21 U.S.C. s. 343(q) <u>or</u>
341	21 U.S.C. s. 343(w) pertaining to nutrition or allergen
342	information.
343	Section 7. Subsection (20) of section 570.07, Florida
344	Statutes, is amended, and subsection (44) is added to that
345	section, to read:
346	570.07 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;

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347 functions, powers, and duties.—The department shall have and 348 exercise the following functions, powers, and duties:

349 (20)(a) To stimulate, encourage, and foster the production 350 and consumption of agricultural and agricultural business 351 products;

(b) To conduct activities that may foster a better understanding and more efficient cooperation among producers, dealers, buyers, food editors, and the consuming public in the promotion and marketing of Florida's agricultural and agricultural business products; and

(c) To sponsor <u>events</u>, trade breakfasts, luncheons, and dinners and distribute promotional materials and favors in connection with meetings, conferences, and conventions of dealers, buyers, food editors, and merchandising executives that will assist in the promotion and marketing of Florida's agricultural and agricultural business products to the consuming public.

The department is authorized to receive and expend donations contributed by private persons for the purpose of covering costs associated with the above described activities.

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(44) In its own name:

369 (a) To perform all acts necessary to secure letters of
 370 patent, copyrights, and trademarks on any work products of the
 371 department and enforce its rights therein.

(b) To license, lease, assign, or otherwise give written
 consent to any person, firm, or corporation for the manufacture
 or use of such department work products on a royalty basis or
 for such other consideration as the department deems proper.

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376	(c) To take any action necessary, including legal action,
377	to protect such department work products against improper or
378	unlawful use or infringement.
379	(d) To enforce the collection of any sums due to the
380	department for the manufacture or use of such department work
381	products by another party.
382	(e) To sell any of such department work products and
383	execute all instruments necessary to consummate any such sale.
384	(f) To do all other acts necessary and proper for the
385	execution of powers and duties conferred upon the department by
386	this section, including adopting rules, as necessary, in order
387	to administer this section.
388	Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 570.30, Florida
389	Statutes, is amended to read:
390	570.30 Division of Administration; powers and dutiesThe
391	Division of Administration shall render services required by the
392	department and its other divisions, or by the commissioner in
393	the exercise of constitutional and cabinet responsibilities,
394	that can advantageously and effectively be centralized and
395	administered and any other function of the department that is
396	not specifically assigned by law to some other division. The
397	duties of this division include, but are not limited to:
398	(5) Providing electronic data processing and management
399	information systems support for the department.
400	Section 9. Subsection (4) is added to section 570.441,
401	Florida Statutes, to read:
402	570.441 Pest Control Trust Fund
403	(4) In addition to the uses authorized under subsection
404	(2), the department may use moneys collected or received under

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405 <u>chapter 482 to carry out s. 570.44</u>. This subsection expires June 406 30, 2019.

407 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 570.53, Florida 408 Statutes, is amended to read:

409 570.53 Division of Marketing and Development; powers and
410 duties.-The powers and duties of the Division of Marketing and
411 Development include, but are not limited to:

412 (2) Enforcing the provisions of ss. 604.15-604.34, the
 413 dealers in agricultural products law, and ss. 534.47-534.53.

414 Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 570.544, Florida415 Statutes, is amended to read:

416 570.544 Division of Consumer Services; director; powers; 417 processing of complaints; records.-

(2) The director shall supervise, direct, and coordinate the activities of the division and shall, under the direction of the department, enforce <u>ss. 604.15-604.34</u> and <u>the provisions of</u> chapters 472, 496, 501, 507, 525, 526, 527, 531, 539, 559, 616, and 849.

423 Section 12. Section 570.68, Florida Statutes, is created to 424 read:

425 570.68 Office of Agriculture Technology Services.-The 426 commissioner may create an Office of Agriculture Technology 427 Services under the supervision of a senior manager. The senior 428 manager is exempt under s. 110.205 in the Senior Management 429 Service and shall be appointed by the commissioner. The office 430 shall provide electronic data processing and agency information 431 technology services to support and facilitate the functions, 432 powers, and duties of the department.

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Section 13. Section 570.681, Florida Statutes, is amended

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434 to read:

435 570.681 Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park;
436 legislative findings.-It is the finding of the Legislature that:

437 (1) Agriculture is an important industry to the State of
438 Florida, producing over \$6 billion per year while supporting
439 over 230,000 jobs.

440 <u>(1) (2)</u> Equine and other agriculture-related industries will 441 strengthen and benefit each other with the establishment of a 442 statewide agriculture and horse facility.

443 (2) (3) The A Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park 444 provides will provide Florida with a unique tourist experience 445 for visitors and residents, thus generating taxes and additional 446 dollars for the state.

447 <u>(3) (4)</u> Promoting the Florida Agriculture Center and Horse 448 Park as a joint effort between the state and the private sector 449 <u>allows will allow</u> this facility to <u>use utilize</u> experts and 450 generate revenue from many areas to ensure the success of this 451 facility.

452 Section 14. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (4) of 453 section 570.685, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

454 570.685 Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park
455 Authority.-

(4) The authority shall meet at least semiannually andelect a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary for 1-year terms.

(b) The department <u>may provide</u> shall be responsible for
providing administrative and staff support services relating to
the meetings of the authority and shall provide suitable space
in the offices of the department for the meetings and the
storage of records of the authority.

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463 (c) In conducting its meetings, the authority shall use 464 accepted rules of procedure. The secretary shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of each meeting showing, which record 465 466 shall show the names of the members present and the actions 467 taken. These records shall be kept on file with the department, 468 and such records and other documents regarding matters within 469 the jurisdiction of the authority shall be subject to inspection 470 by members of the authority.

471 Section 15. Section 571.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to 472 read:

473 571.24 Purpose; duties of the department.-The purpose of 474 this part is to authorize the department to establish and 475 coordinate the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign. The 476 campaign is intended to serve as a marketing program for the 477 promotion of agricultural commodities, value-added products, and 478 agricultural-related businesses of this state. The campaign is 479 not a food safety and traceability program. The duties of the 480 department shall include, but are not limited to:

481 (1) Developing logos and authorizing the use of logos as482 provided by rule.

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(2) Registering participants.

(3) Assessing and collecting fees.

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486 (5) Developing in-kind advertising programs.

487 (6) Contracting with media representatives for the purpose488 of dispersing promotional materials.

(7) Assisting the representative of the department who
serves on the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory
Council.

(4) Collecting rental receipts for industry promotions.

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492 (8) Designating a division employee to be a member of the
 493 Advertising Interagency Coordinating Council.

494 (8) (9) Adopting rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54
 495 to implement the provisions of this part.

496 <u>(9) (10)</u> Enforcing and administering the provisions of this 497 part, including measures ensuring that only Florida agricultural 498 or agricultural based products are marketed under the "Fresh 499 From Florida" or "From Florida" logos or other logos of the 500 Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign.

501 Section 16. Section 571.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to 502 read:

503 571.27 Rules.-The department is authorized to adopt rules 504 that implement, make specific, and interpret the provisions of 505 this part, including rules for entering into contracts with 506 advertising agencies for services which are directly related to 507 the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign. Such rules shall 508 establish the procedures for negotiating costs with the offerors 509 of such advertising services who have been determined by the 510 department to be qualified on the basis of technical merit, creative ability, and professional competency. Such 511 512 determination of qualifications shall also include consideration 513 of the provisions in s. 287.055(3), (4), and (5). The department 514 is further authorized to determine, by rule, the logos or 515 product identifiers to be depicted for use in advertising, 516 publicizing, and promoting the sale of Florida agricultural 517 products or agricultural-based products in the Florida 518 Agricultural Promotional Campaign. The department may also adopt rules consistent not inconsistent with the provisions of this 519 part as in its judgment may be necessary for participant 520

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521 registration, renewal of registration, classes of membership, 522 application forms, <u>and</u> as well as other forms and enforcement 523 measures ensuring compliance with this part.

524 Section 17. Subsection (1) of section 571.28, Florida 525 Statutes, is amended to read:

526 571.28 Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign Advisory 527 Council.-

528 (1) ORGANIZATION.-There is hereby created within the 529 department the Florida Agricultural Promotional Campaign 530 Advisory Council, to consist of 15 members appointed by the 531 Commissioner of Agriculture for 4-year staggered terms. The 532 membership shall include: 13 six members representing 533 agricultural producers, shippers, or packers, three members 534 representing agricultural retailers, two members representing 535 agricultural associations, and wholesalers one member 536 representing a wholesaler of agricultural products; 1, one member representing consumers;  $_{ au}$  and 1  $_{ ext{one}}$  member representing 537 the department. Initial appointment of the council members shall 538 539 be four members to a term of 4 years, four members to a term of 540 3 years, four members to a term of 2 years, and three members to 541 a term of 1 year.

542 Section 18. Subsection (2) of section 576.041, Florida 543 Statutes, is amended to read:

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576.041 Inspection fees; records.-

(2) Before the distribution of a fertilizer, each licensee shall make application upon a form provided by the department to report <u>quarterly</u> monthly the tonnage of fertilizer sold in the state and make payment of the inspection fee. The continuance of a license is conditioned upon the applicant's:

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(a) Maintaining records and a bookkeeping system that will
accurately indicate the tonnage of fertilizer sold by the
licensee; and

553 (b) Consent to examination of the business records and 554 books by the department for a verification of the correctness of 555 tonnage reports and inspection fees. Tonnage reports of sales 556 and payment of inspection fee shall be made quarterly using the 557 department's regulatory website or monthly on forms furnished by 558 the department and submitted within 30 days following the close 559 of the reporting period on or before the fifteenth day of the 560 month succeeding the month covered by the reports.

561 Section 19. Section 580.0365, Florida Statutes, is created 562 to read:

563 580.0365 Preemption of regulatory authority over commercial 564 feed and feedstuff.-It is the intent of the Legislature to 565 eliminate duplication of regulation over commercial feed and 566 feedstuff. Notwithstanding any other law, the authority to 567 regulate, inspect, sample, and analyze commercial feed or 568 feedstuff distributed in this state or to exercise the powers 569 and duties of regulation granted by this chapter, including the 570 assessment of penalties for violation of this chapter, is 571 preempted to the department.

572 Section 20. Subsection (3) is added to section 581.181, 573 Florida Statutes, to read:

574 581.181 Notice of infection of plants; destruction.-575 (3) This section does not apply to plants or plant products 576 infested with pests or noxious weeds if such pests and weeds are 577 determined to be widely established within the state and are not 578 specifically regulated under rules adopted by the department or

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579	under any other provisions of law.
580	Section 21. Effective upon becoming a law, section 581.189,
581	Florida Statutes, is created to read:
582	581.189 Grove Removal or Vector Elimination (GROVE)
583	Program.—
584	(1) There is created within the Department of Agriculture
585	and Consumer Services the Grove Removal or Vector Elimination
586	Program, a cost-sharing program for the removal or destruction
587	of abandoned citrus groves to eliminate the material harboring
588	the citrus disease Huanglongbing, also known as citrus greening,
589	and the vectors that spread the disease.
590	(2) For purposes of this section, the term:
591	(a) "Abandoned citrus grove" means a citrus grove that has
592	minimal or no production value and is no longer economically
593	viable as a commercial citrus grove.
594	(b) "Applicant" means the person who owns an abandoned
595	<u>citrus grove.</u>
596	(c) "Eligible costs" means the costs, incurred after an
597	application is selected for funding, of the removal or
598	destruction the citrus trees and the elimination of any citrus
599	greening vectors, as described in the removal or destruction
600	plan in the funded application.
601	(d) "Funded application" means an application selected for
602	cost-share funding pursuant to this section and rules adopted by
603	the department.
604	(e) "Program" means the Grove Removal or Vector Elimination
605	Program.
606	(3) The department shall adopt by rule the standards to be
607	used in reviewing and ranking applications for cost-share

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608	funding under the program based on the following factors:
609	(a) The length of time the citrus groves have been
610	abandoned.
611	(b) Whether the citrus groves are located within a Citrus
612	Health Management Area.
613	(c) The proximity of the abandoned citrus groves to other
614	citrus groves currently in production.
615	(4) An applicant may submit multiple applications for the
616	program, but is eligible only for a maximum of \$125,000 in
617	program cost-share funding in a given fiscal year. The
618	department may award to each funded application a cost-share of
619	up to 80 percent of eligible costs. The total amount of cost-
620	share allocated under the program in each fiscal year may not
621	exceed the amount specifically appropriated for the program for
622	the fiscal year.
623	(5) An applicant seeking cost-share assistance under the
624	program must submit an application to the department by a date
625	determined by department rule. The application must include, at
626	minimum:
627	(a) The applicant's plan to remove or destroy citrus trees
628	and any citrus greening vectors in the abandoned citrus grove.
629	(b) An affidavit from the applicant certifying that all
630	information contained in the application is true and correct.
631	(c) All information determined by rule to be necessary for
632	the department to determine eligibility for the program and rank
633	applications.
634	(6) If the department determines an application to be
635	incomplete, it may require the applicant to submit additional
636	information within 10 days after such determination is made.

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637	(7) Each fiscal year, the department shall review all
638	complete applications received in accordance with its rules
639	adopted pursuant to subsection (5). For each such complete
640	submitted application, the department must rank the applications
641	in accordance with the factors specified in subsection (3) and,
642	before selecting an application for funding, must conduct an
643	inspection of the abandoned citrus grove that is the subject of
644	the application.
645	(8) The department may deny an application pursuant to
646	chapter 120 for failure to comply with this section and
647	department rules.
648	(9) If an application is selected for funding, the
649	applicant must initiate and complete the removal or destruction
650	of the citrus trees identified in the application within the
651	timeframe specified by department rule. The applicant's failure
652	to initiate and complete the removal or destruction of the
653	identified citrus trees within the time specified by the
654	department results in the forfeiture of the cost-share funding
655	approved based on the application. Upon such occurrence, the
656	department shall notify the next eligible applicant, based upon
657	its ranking of applicants for the fiscal year, of the
658	availability of cost-share funding. Such applicant, upon
659	acceptance, may be awarded cost-share funding pursuant to this
660	section, subject to available program funds.
661	(10) Upon completion of the removal or destruction of the
662	citrus trees identified in the funded application, the applicant
663	shall present proof of payment of removal or destruction costs
664	to the department. Upon receipt of satisfactory proof of payment
665	and satisfactory proof of the removal or destruction of the

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666 <u>trees identified in the funded application, the department may</u> 667 <u>issue payment to the applicant for the previously approved cost-</u> 668 <u>share amount.</u>

669 (11) The department may adopt rules to implement and 670 administer this section, including an application process and 671 requirements, an application ranking process that is consistent 672 with the factors specified in subsection (3), and the 673 administration of cost-share funding.

4 (12) The annual awarding of funding through the program is 5 subject to specific legislative appropriation for this purpose.

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 Section 22. Subsections (1), (4), (5), (7), and (8) of

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 section 582.01, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

582.01 Definitions.-Wherever used or referred to in this
chapter unless a different meaning clearly appears from the
context:

681 (1) "District" or "soil conservation district" or "soil and 682 water conservation district" means a governmental subdivision of this state, and a body corporate and politic, organized in 683 684 accordance with the provisions of this chapter, for the purpose, 685 with the powers, and subject to the provisions set forth in this 686 chapter. The term "district," or "soil conservation district," 687 when used in this chapter, means and includes a "soil and water 688 conservation district." All districts heretofore or hereafter 689 organized under this chapter shall be known as soil and water 690 conservation districts and shall have all the powers set out 691 herein.

(4) "Landowner" or "owner of land" includes any person who
 holds shall hold legal or equitable title to any lands lying
 within a district organized under the provisions of this

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695 chapter.

(5) "Land occupier" or "occupier of land" includes any
person, other than the owner, who <u>is a lessee</u>, renter, or tenant
<u>or who is otherwise</u> <del>shall be</del> in possession of <u>land</u> <del>any lands</del>
lying within a district <del>organized under the provisions of this</del>
<del>chapter, whether as lessee, renter, tenant, or otherwise</del>.

701 (7) "Due notice," in addition to notice required pursuant 702 to the provisions of chapter 120, means notice published at least twice, with an interval of at least 7 days between the two 703 704 publication dates, in a newspaper or other publication of 705 general circulation within the appropriate area or, if no such 706 publication of general circulation be available, by posting at a 707 reasonable number of conspicuous places within the appropriate 708 area, such posting to include, where possible, posting at public 709 places where it may be customary to post notices concerning 710 county or municipal affairs generally. At any hearing held 711 pursuant to such notice, at the time and place designated in 712 such notice, adjournment may be made from time to time without 713 the necessity of renewing such notice for such adjourned dates. 714 (8) "Administrative officer" means the administrative 715

715 officer of soil and water conservation created by s. 582.09.
 716 Section 23. Section 582.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to

717 read:

582.02 Legislative intent and findings; purpose of
 districts Lands a basic asset of state.-

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to promote the
 appropriate and efficient use of soil and water resources,
 protect water quality, prevent floodwater and sediment damage,
 preserve wildlife, protect public lands, and protect and promote

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724 the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

725 (2) The Legislature finds that the farm, forest, and 726 grazing lands; green spaces; recreational areas; and natural 727 areas of the state are among its the basic assets of the state 728 and that the conservation preservation of these assets lands is in the public interest necessary to protect and promote the 729 730 health, safety, and general welfare of its people ; improper 731 land use practices have caused and have contributed to, and are 732 now causing and contributing to a progressively more serious 733 erosion of the farm and grazing lands of this state by fire, 734 wind and water; the breaking of natural grass, plant, and forest 735 cover has interfered with the natural factors of soil 736 stabilization, causing loosening of soil and exhaustion of 737 humus, and developing a soil condition that favors erosion; the 738 top soil is being burned, washed and blown out of fields and 739 pastures; there has been an accelerated washing of sloping 740 fields; these processes of erosion by fire, wind and water speed up with removal of absorptive topsoil, causing exposure of less 741 742 absorptive and less protective but more erosive subsoil; failure by any landowner or occupier to conserve the soil and control 743 erosion upon her or his lands causes destruction by burning, 744 washing and blowing of soil and water from her or his lands onto 745 746 other lands and makes the conservation of soil and control 747 erosion of such other lands difficult or impossible. 748 (3) The Legislature further finds it necessary that

749 <u>appropriate land and water resource protection practices be</u> 750 <u>implemented to ensure the conservation of this state's farm,</u> 751 <u>forest, and grazing lands; green spaces; recreational areas; and</u> 752 <u>natural areas and to conserve, protect, and properly use soil</u>

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753 and water resources.

754 (4) The purpose of the soil and water conservation 755 districts is to provide assistance, guidance, and education to 756 landowners, land occupiers, the agricultural industry, and the 757 general public in implementing land and water resource 758 protection practices and to work in conjunction with federal, 759 state, and local agencies in all matters to implement this 760 chapter. 761 Section 24. Section 582.055, Florida Statutes, is amended 762 to read: 763 582.055 Powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture 764 and Consumer Services.-The department has all of the following 765 powers and duties: 766 (1) To administer The provisions of this chapter shall be 767 administered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer 768 Services. 769 (2) The department is authorized To receive gifts, 770 appropriations, materials, equipment, lands, and facilities and 771 to manage, operate, and disburse them for the use and benefit of 772 the soil and water conservation districts of the state. 773 (3) To require The department shall provide for an annual 774 audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements. 775 (4) To The department may furnish information and call upon 776 any state or local agencies for cooperation in carrying out the 777 provisions of this chapter. 778 (5) To offer assistance as may be appropriate to the 779 supervisors of soil and water conservation districts and to 780 facilitate communication and cooperation between the districts. 781 (6) To seek the cooperation and assistance of the Federal

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782	Government and any of its agencies, and of agencies and counties
783	of this state, in the work of such districts, including the
784	receipt and expenditure of state, federal, or other funds or
785	contributions.
786	(7) To disseminate information throughout the state
787	concerning the activities and programs of the soil and water
788	conservation districts and to encourage the formation of such
789	districts in areas where their organization is desirable.
790	(8) To create or dissolve a soil and water conservation
791	district pursuant to this chapter.
792	(9) To adopt rules, as necessary, to implement this
793	chapter.
794	Section 25. Subsection (2) of section 582.06, Florida
795	Statutes, is amended to read:
796	582.06 Soil and Water Conservation Council; powers and
797	duties
798	(2) POWERS AND DUTIES; MEETINGS; PROCEDURES; RECORDS
799	(a) The meetings, powers and duties, procedures, and
800	recordkeeping of the Soil and Water Conservation Council shall
801	be <u>conducted</u> pursuant to s. 570.232.
802	(b) The council shall accept and review requests for
803	creating or dissolving soil and water conservation districts and
804	shall, by a majority vote, recommend to the commissioner by
805	resolution that a district be created or dissolved pursuant to
806	the request or that the request be denied.
807	(c) At the request of the Governor or a district, the
808	council shall consider and recommend to the Governor the removal
809	or retention of a supervisor for neglect of duty or malfeasance
810	in office.

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811 Section 26. Section 582.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to 812 read:

582.16 Change of Addition of territory to district 813 814 boundaries or removal of territory therefrom.-Requests to 815 increase or decrease the boundaries of Petitions for including 816 additional territory or removing territory within an existing 817 district may be filed with the department of Agriculture and 818 Consumer Services, and the department shall follow the 819 proceedings provided for in this chapter to create a district in the case of petitions to organize a district shall be observed 820 821 in the case of petitions for such inclusion or removal. The 822 department shall prescribe the form for such petition, which 823 shall be as nearly as may be in the form prescribed in this 824 chapter for petitions to organize a district. If the petition is 825 signed by a majority of the landowners of such area, no 826 referendum need be held. In referenda upon petitions for such 827 inclusions or removals, all owners of land lying within the 828 proposed area to be added or removed shall be eligible to vote. Section 27. Section 582.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to 829

829 Section 27. Section 582.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to 830 read:

831 582.20 Powers of districts and supervisors.—A soil and 832 water conservation district organized under the provisions of 833 this chapter <u>constitutes</u> shall constitute a governmental 834 subdivision of this state, and a public body corporate and 835 politic, exercising public powers, and such district and the 836 supervisors thereof, shall have <u>all of</u> the following powers, in 837 addition to others granted in other sections of this chapter:

838 (1) To conduct surveys, <u>studies</u> investigations, and
 839 research relating to the character of soil and water resources

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840	and erosion and floodwater and sediment damages, to the
841	conservation, development and utilization of soil and water
842	resources and the disposal of water, and to the preventive and
843	<del>control measures and works of improvement needed;</del> to publish <u>and</u>
844	disseminate the results of such surveys, studies, and
845	investigations, or research,; and related to disseminate
846	information. concerning such preventive and control measures and
847	works of improvement; provided, however, that in order to avoid
848	duplication of research activities, no district shall initiate
849	any research program except in cooperation with the government
850	of this state or any of its agencies, or with the United States
851	or any of its agencies;
852	(2) To conduct agricultural best management practices
853	demonstration demonstrational projects and projects for the
854	conservation, protection, and restoration of soil and water
855	resources:
856	(a) Within the district's boundaries <u>;</u>
857	(b) Within another district's boundaries, subject to the
858	other district's approval; , territory within another district's
859	boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or
860	territory
861	(c) In areas not contained within any district's boundaries
862	on lands owned or controlled by this state or any of its
863	agencies, with the cooperation of the agency administering and
864	having jurisdiction thereof; or <del>, and</del>
865	(d) On any other lands within the district's boundaries,
866	territory within another district's boundaries subject to the
867	other district's approval, or <u>on lands</u> <del>territory</del> not contained

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869 the owner and occupiers of such lands or the necessary rights or interests in such lands., in order to demonstrate by example the 870 871 means, methods, and measures by which soil and soil resources 872 may be conserved, and soil erosion in the form of soil blowing 873 and soil washing may be prevented and controlled, and works of 874 improvement for flood prevention or the conservation, development and utilization of soil and water resources, and the 875 876 disposal of water may be carried out;

877 (3) To carry out preventive and control measures and works 878 of improvement for flood prevention or the conservation, 879 development and utilization of soil and water resources, and the 880 disposal of water within the district's boundaries, territory 881 within another district's boundaries subject to the other 882 district's approval, or territory not contained within any 883 district's boundaries, including, but not limited to, 884 engineering operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of 885 vegetation, changes in use of land, and the measures listed in 886 s. 582.04 on lands owned or controlled by this state or any of 887 its agencies, with the cooperation of the agency administering 888 and having jurisdiction thereof, and on any other lands within 889 the district's boundaries, territory within another district's 890 boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or 891 territory not contained within any district's boundaries upon 892 obtaining the consent of the owner and the occupiers of such 893 lands or the necessary rights or interests in such lands;

894 <u>(3)</u> (4) To cooperate, or enter into agreements with, and 895 within the limits of appropriations duly made available to it by 896 law, to furnish financial or other aid to, any special district, 897 municipality, county, water management district, state or

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898 federal agency, governmental or otherwise, or any owner or 899 occupier of lands within the district's boundaries; on lands $_{\tau}$ 900 territory within another district's boundaries, subject to the 901 other district's approval; or on lands, or territory not 902 contained within any district's boundaries, to further the 903 purpose of this chapter. in the carrying on of erosion control 904 or prevention operations and works of improvement for flood 905 prevention or the conservation, development and utilization, of 906 soil and water resources and the disposal of water within the 907 district's boundaries, territory within another district's 908 boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or 909 territory not contained within any district's boundaries, 910 subject to such conditions as the supervisors may deem necessary 911 to advance the purposes of this chapter;

912 (4) (5) To obtain options upon and to acquire, by purchase, 913 exchange, lease, gift, grant, bequest, devise, or otherwise, any 914 property, real or personal, or rights or interests in such 915 property therein; to maintain, administer, and improve any properties acquired, to receive income from such properties, and 916 917 to expend such income in complying with carrying out the 918 purposes and provisions of this chapter; and to sell, lease, or 919 otherwise dispose of any of its property or interests therein in 920 compliance with furtherance of the purposes and the provisions 921 of this chapter.+

922 <u>(5)(6)</u> To make available, on such terms as it shall 923 prescribe, <u>agricultural</u>, <u>engineering</u>, <u>and other machinery</u>, 924 <u>materials</u>, <u>and equipment</u> to landowners and occupiers <u>of land</u> 925 within the district's boundaries, <u>on lands</u> <del>territory</del> within 926 another district's boundaries, <u>subject</u> to the other district's

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927 approval; - or on lands territory not contained within any district's boundaries. Such machinery, materials, and equipment 928 929 must, agricultural and engineering machinery and equipment, 930 fertilizer, seeds and seedlings, and such other material or 931 equipment, as will assist such landowners and occupiers of land 932 to conduct carry on operations upon their lands for the 933 conservation and protection of soil and water resources. and for the prevention or control of soil erosion and for flood 934 935 prevention or the conservation, development and utilization, of 936 soil and water resources and the disposal of water;

937 <u>(6) (7)</u> To construct, improve, operate, and maintain such 938 structures as may be necessary or convenient for the performance 939 of any of the operations authorized in this chapter.;

940 (7) (8) To provide or assist in providing training and 941 education programs that further the purposes of this chapter. 942 develop comprehensive plans for the conservation of soil and 943 water resources and for the control and prevention of soil 944 erosion and for flood prevention or the conservation, 945 development and utilization of soil and water resources, and the 946 disposal of water within the district's boundaries, territory within another district's boundaries subject to the other 947 948 district's approval, or territory not contained within any 949 district's boundaries, which plans shall specify in such detail 950 as may be possible the acts, procedures, performances, and 951 avoidances which are necessary or desirable for the effectuation 952 of such plans, including the specification of engineering 953 operations, methods of cultivation, the growing of vegetation, cropping programs, tillage practices, and changes in use of 954 955 land; control of artesian wells; and to publish such plans and

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956	information and bring them to the attention of owners and
957	occupiers of lands within the district's boundaries, territory
958	within another district's boundaries subject to the other
959	district's approval, or territory not contained within any
960	district's boundaries;
961	(9) To take over, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and to
962	administer any soil-conservation, erosion-control, erosion-
963	prevention project, or any project for flood-prevention or for
964	the conservation, development and utilization of soil and water
965	resources, and the disposal of water, located within the
966	district's boundaries, territory within another district's
967	boundaries subject to the other district's approval, or
968	territory not contained within any district's boundaries,
969	undertaken by the United States or any of its agencies, or by
970	this state or any of its agencies; to manage as agent of the
971	United States or any of its agencies, or of the state or any of
972	its agencies, any soil-conservation, erosion-control, erosion-
973	prevention, or any project for flood-prevention or for the
974	conservation, development, and utilization of soil and water
975	resources, and the disposal of water within the district's
976	boundaries, territory within another district's boundaries
977	subject to the other district's approval, or territory not
978	contained within any district's boundaries; to act as agent for
979	the United States, or any of its agencies, or for the state or
980	any of its agencies, in connection with the acquisition,
981	construction, operation or administration of any soil-
982	conservation, erosion-control, erosion-prevention, or any
983	project for flood-prevention or for the conservation,
984	development and utilization of soil and water resources, and the
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985 disposal of water within the district's boundaries, territory 986 within another district's boundaries subject to the other 987 district's approval, or territory not contained within any 988 district's boundaries; to accept donations, gifts, and 989 contributions in money, services, materials, or otherwise, from 990 the United States or any of its agencies, or from this state or 991 any of its agencies, or from others, and to use or expend such 992 moneys, services, materials or other contributions in carrying 993 on its operations;

994 (8) (10) To sue and be sued in the name of the district; to 995 have a seal, which seal shall be judicially noticed; to have 996 perpetual succession unless terminated as provided in this 997 chapter; to make and execute contracts and other instruments 998 necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers; and upon 999 a majority vote of the supervisors of the district, to borrow 1000 money and to execute promissory notes and other evidences of 1001 indebtedness in connection therewith, and to pledge, mortgage, 1002 and assign the income of the district and its personal property 1003 as security therefor, the notes and other evidences of 1004 indebtedness to be general obligations only of the district and 1005 in no event to constitute an indebtedness for which the faith 1006 and credit of the state or any of its revenues are pledged; to 1007 make, amend, and repeal rules and regulations not inconsistent 1008 with this chapter to carry into effect its purposes and powers.

1009 (9) In coordination with the applicable counties, to use 1010 the services of the county agricultural agents and the 1011 facilities of their offices, if practicable and feasible. The 1012 supervisors may employ additional permanent or temporary staff, 1013 as needed, and determine their qualifications, duties, and

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1014 compensation. The supervisors may delegate to their chair, to one or more supervisors, or to employees such powers and duties 1015 1016 as they may deem proper, consistent with this chapter. The 1017 supervisors shall furnish to the department, upon request, 1018 copies of rules, orders, contracts, forms, and other documents 1019 they adopt or employ, and other information concerning their 1020 activities which the department may require in the performance 1021 of its duties under this chapter.

1022 (10) To adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 to implement 1023 this chapter.

1024 (11) To request that the Governor remove a supervisor for 1025 neglect of duty or malfeasance in office by adoption of a 1026 resolution at a public meeting. If the district believes there 1027 is a need for a review of the request, the district may request 1028 the council, by resolution, to review the request and recommend 1029 action to the Governor. As a condition to the extending of any 1030 benefits under this chapter to, or the performance of work upon, any lands not owned or controlled by this state or any of its 1031 1032 agencies, the supervisors may require contributions in money, 1033 services, materials, or otherwise to any operations conferring 1034 such benefits, and may require landowners and occupiers to enter 1035 into and perform such agreements or covenants as to the 1036 permanent use of such lands as will tend to prevent or control 1037 erosion and prevent floodwater and sediment damages thereon;

(12) No Provisions with respect to the acquisition, operation, or disposition of property by public bodies of this state <u>do not apply</u> shall be applicable to a district organized <u>under this chapter hereunder</u> unless the Legislature shall specifically provides for their application so state. The

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1043 property and property rights of every kind and nature acquired 1044 by <u>a</u> any district organized under the provisions of this chapter 1045 <u>are shall be</u> exempt from state, county, and other taxation.

1046 Section 28. Section 582.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to 1047 read:

1048 582.29 State agencies to cooperate.-Agencies of this state which shall have jurisdiction over, or are be charged with, the 1049 1050 administration of any state-owned lands, and agencies of any 1051 county  $\tau$  or other governmental subdivision of the state  $\tau$  which 1052 shall have jurisdiction over, or are be charged with the administration of, any county-owned or other publicly owned 1053 1054 lands, lying within the boundaries of any district organized 1055 under this chapter, the boundaries of another district subject 1056 to that district's approval, or territory not contained within 1057 the boundaries of any district organized under this chapter, 1058 shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the supervisors of such districts in the implementation effectuation of programs 1059 1060 and operations undertaken by the supervisors under the 1061 provisions of this chapter. The supervisors of such districts 1062 shall be given free access to enter and perform work upon such publicly owned lands. The provisions of land use regulations 1063 1064 adopted shall be in all respects observed by the agencies 1065 administering such publicly owned lands.

1066Section 29. Present subsections (4) and (5) of section1067595.402, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)1068and (6), respectively, and a new subsection (4) and subsections1069(7) and (8) are added to that section, to read:1070595.402 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:1071(4) "School breakfast program" means a program authorized

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1072 by s. 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and administered by 1073 the department. 1074 (7) "Summer nutrition program" means one or more of the 1075 programs authorized under 42 U.S.C. s. 1761. 1076 (8) "Universal school breakfast program" means a program 1077 that makes breakfast available at no cost to all students 1078 regardless of their household income. Section 30. Section 595.404, Florida Statutes, is amended 1079 1080 to read: 1081 595.404 School food and other nutrition programs service 1082 program; powers and duties of the department.-The department has 1083 the following powers and duties: 1084 (1) To conduct, supervise, and administer the program that 1085 will be carried out using federal or state funds, or funds from 1086 any other source. 1087 (2) To conduct, supervise, and administer a Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to provide participants in the Special 1088 1089 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children 1090 (WIC) with locally grown fruits and vegetables. The program is 1091 to be carried out using federal or state funds or funds from any 1092 other source. 1093 (3) (2) To fully cooperate with the United States Government 1094 and its agencies and instrumentalities so that the department 1095 may receive the benefit of all federal financial allotments and 1096 assistance possible to carry out the purposes of this chapter. 1097 (4) (3) To implement and adopt by rule, as required, federal 1098 regulations to maximize federal assistance for the program. 1099 (5) (4) To act as agent of, or contract with, the Federal Government, another state agency, any county or municipal 1100

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1101 government, or sponsor for the administration of the program, including the distribution of funds provided by the Federal 1102 1103 Government to support the program.

(6) (5) To provide make a reasonable effort to ensure that 1105 any school designated as a "severe need school" receives the highest rate of reimbursement to which it is entitled under 42 U.S.C. s. 1773 for each breakfast meal served.

1108 (7) (6) To develop and propose legislation necessary to 1109 implement the program, encourage the development of innovative 1110 school food and nutrition services, and expand participation in 1111 the program.

1112 (8) (7) To annually allocate among the sponsors, as applicable, funds provided from the school breakfast supplement 1113 1114 in the General Appropriations Act based on each district's total number of free and reduced-price breakfast meals served. 1115

1116 (9) (9) (8) To employ such persons as are necessary to perform 1117 its duties under this chapter.

(10) (9) To adopt rules covering the administration, 1119 operation, and enforcement of the program, and the Farmers' 1120 Market Nutrition Program, as well as to implement the provisions 1121 of this chapter.

1122 (11) (10) To adopt and implement an appeal process by rule, as required by federal regulations, for applicants and 1123 1124 participants under the programs implemented under this chapter 1125 program, notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57-120.595.

1126 (12) (11) To assist, train, and review each sponsor in its 1127 implementation of the program.

(13) (12) To advance funds from the program's annual 1128 1129 appropriation to a summer nutrition program sponsor sponsors,

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1130 when requested, in order to implement the provisions of this 1131 chapter and in accordance with federal regulations.

1132 (14) To collect data on food purchased through the programs 1133 defined in ss. 595.402(3) and 595.406 and to publish that data 1134 annually.

(15) To enter into agreements with federal or state agencies to coordinate or cooperate in the implementation of nutrition programs.

38 Section 31. Section 595.405, Florida Statutes, is amended 39 to read:

595.405 <u>School nutrition</u> program requirements <del>for school</del> districts and sponsors.-

(1) Each school district <u>school board</u> shall consider the recommendations of the district school superintendent and adopt policies to provide for an appropriate food and nutrition service program for students consistent with federal law and department rules.

(2) Each school district school board shall implement 1147 1148 school breakfast programs that make breakfast meals available to 1149 all students in each elementary school that serves any 1150 combination of grades kindergarten through 5. Universal school 1151 breakfast programs shall be offered in schools in which 80 1152 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or 1153 reduced-price meals. Each school shall, to the maximum extent 1154 practicable, make breakfast meals available to students at an 1155 alternative site location, which may include, but need not be 1156 limited to, alternative breakfast options as described in publications of the Food and Nutrition Service of the United 1157 1158 States Department of Agriculture for the federal School

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1159 Breakfast Program.

(3) Each school district school board must annually set prices for breakfast meals at rates that, combined with federal reimbursements and state allocations, are sufficient to defray costs of school breakfast programs without requiring allocations from the district's operating funds, except if the district school board approves lower rates.

(4) Each school district is encouraged to provide 1166 1167 universal, free school breakfast meals to all students in each 1168 elementary, middle, and high school. Each school district shall 1169 approve or disapprove a policy, after receiving public testimony 1170 concerning the proposed policy at two or more regular meetings, which makes universal, free school breakfast meals available to 1171 1172 all students in each elementary, middle, and high school in 1173 which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free 1174 or reduced-price meals.

1175 <u>(4) (5)</u> Each elementary, middle, and high school operating a 1176 breakfast program shall make a breakfast meal available if a 1177 student arrives at school on the <u>school</u> bus less than 15 minutes 1178 before the first bell rings and shall allow the student at least 1179 15 minutes to eat the breakfast.

1180 (5) Each district school board is encouraged to provide 1181 universal, free school breakfast meals to all students in each 1182 elementary, middle, and high school. A universal school 1183 breakfast program shall be implemented in each school in which 1184 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or 1185 reduced-price meals, unless the district school board, after 1186 considering public testimony at two or more regularly scheduled 1187 board meetings, decides to not implement such a program in such

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1189 (6) To increase school breakfast and universal school breakfast program participation, each school district must, to the maximum extent practicable, make breakfast meals available to students through alternative service models as described in publications of the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for the federal School Breakfast Program.

1196 <u>(7) (6)</u> Each school district school board shall annually 1197 provide to all students in each elementary, middle, and high 1198 school information prepared by the district's food service 1199 administration regarding <u>available</u> its school breakfast 1200 programs. The information shall be communicated through school 1201 announcements and written notices sent to all parents.

1202 <u>(8) (7)</u> A school district school board may operate a 1203 breakfast program providing for food preparation at the school 1204 site or in central locations with distribution to designated 1205 satellite schools or any combination thereof.

1206 (8) Each sponsor shall complete all corrective action plans 1207 required by the department or a federal agency to be in 1208 compliance with the program.

1209 Section 32. Section 595.406, Florida Statutes, is amended 1210 to read:

595.406 Florida Farm to School Fresh Schools Program.-

(1) In order to implement the Florida Farm to School Fresh
Schools Program, the department shall develop policies
pertaining to school food services which encourage:

1215 (a) Sponsors to buy fresh and high-quality foods grown in1216 this state when feasible.

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1217 (b) Farmers in this state to sell their products to sponsors, school districts, and schools. 1218 1219 (c) Sponsors to demonstrate a preference for competitively 1220 priced organic food products. (d) Sponsors to make reasonable efforts to select foods 1221 1222 based on a preference for those that have maximum nutritional 1223 content. 1224 (2) The department shall provide outreach, quidance, and 1225 training to sponsors, schools, school food service directors, 1226 parent and teacher organizations, and students about the benefit 1227 of fresh food products from farms in this state. 1228 (3) The department may recognize sponsors who purchase at 1229 least 10 percent of the food they serve from the Florida Farm to 1230 School Program. 1231 Section 33. Subsection (2) of section 595.407, Florida 1232 Statutes, is amended to read: 1233 595.407 Children's summer nutrition program.-1234 (2) Each school district shall develop a plan to sponsor or 1235 operate a summer nutrition program to operate sites in the 1236 school district as follows: 1237 (a) Within 5 miles of at least one elementary school that 1238 serves any combination of grades kindergarten through 5 at which 1239 50 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or 1240 reduced-price school meals and for the duration of 35

consecutive days between the end of the school year and the 1242 beginning of the next school year. School districts may exclude 1243 holidays and weekends.

(b) Within 10 miles of each elementary school that serves 1244 1245 any combination of grades kindergarten through 5 at which 50

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1246 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, except as operated pursuant to 1247 1248 paragraph (a).

1249 Section 34. Section 595.408, Florida Statutes, is amended 1250 to read:

1251 595.408 Food Commodity distribution services; department 1252 responsibilities and functions.-

1253 (1) (a) The department shall conduct, supervise, and 1254 administer all food commodity distribution services that will be 1255 carried on using federal or state funds, or funds from any other 1256 source, or food commodities received and distributed from the 1257 United States or any of its agencies.

1258 (b) The department shall determine the benefits each 1259 applicant or recipient of assistance is entitled to receive under this chapter, provided that each applicant or recipient is 1260 1261 a resident of this state and a citizen of the United States or 1262 is an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence or 1263 otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color 1264 of law.

1265 (2) The department shall cooperate fully with the United 1266 States Government and its agencies and instrumentalities so that 1267 the department may receive the benefit of all federal financial 1268 allotments and assistance possible to carry out the purposes of 1269 this chapter.

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(3) The department may:

1271 (a) Accept any duties with respect to food commodity 1272 distribution services as are delegated to it by an agency of the 1273 Federal Government or any state, county, or municipal 1274 government.

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1275 (b) Act as agent of, or contract with, the Federal 1276 Government, state government, or any county or municipal 1277 government in the administration of food commodity distribution 1278 services to secure the benefits of any public assistance that is 1279 available from the Federal Government or any of its agencies, 1280 and in the distribution of funds received from the Federal Government, state government, or any county or municipal 1281 1282 government for food commodity distribution services within the 1283 state.

1284 (c) Accept from any person or organization all offers of
 1285 personal services, <u>food</u> commodities, or other aid or assistance.

1286 (4) This chapter does not limit, abrogate, or abridge the1287 powers and duties of any other state agency.

1288 Section 35. Section 595.501, Florida Statutes, is amended 1289 to read:

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595.501 Penalties.-

1291 (1) If a corrective action plan is issued by the department 1292 or a federal agency, each sponsor must complete the corrective 1293 action plan to be in compliance with the program.

1294 (2) Any person <u>or</u>, sponsor, or school district that 1295 violates any provision of this chapter or any rule adopted 1296 thereunder or otherwise does not comply with the program is 1297 subject to a suspension or revocation of their agreement, loss 1298 of reimbursement, or a financial penalty in accordance with 1299 federal or state law or both. This section does not restrict the 1300 applicability of any other law.

1301 Section 36. Section 595.601, Florida Statutes, is amended 1302 to read:

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595.601 Food and Nutrition Services Trust Fund.-Chapter 99-

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1304 37, Laws of Florida, recreated the Food and Nutrition Services 1305 Trust Fund to record revenue and disbursements of Federal Food 1306 and Nutrition funds received by the department as authorized in 1307 ss. 595.404 and 598.408 s. 595.405.

1308 Section 37. Section 601.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to 1309 read:

1310 601.31 Citrus inspectors; employment.-The Department of Agriculture may in each year employ as many citrus fruit 1311 1312 inspectors for such period or periods, not exceeding 1 year, as 1313 the Department of Agriculture shall deem necessary for the 1314 effective enforcement of the citrus fruit laws of this state. 1315 All persons authorized to inspect and certify to the maturity 1316 and grade of citrus fruit shall be governed in the discharge of 1317 their duties as such inspectors by the provisions of law and by the rules adopted by the Department of Citrus and the Department 1318 1319 of Agriculture and shall perform their duties under the 1320 direction and supervision of the Department of Agriculture. All 1321 citrus inspectors appointed for the enforcement of this chapter 1322 shall be persons who are duly licensed or certified by the 1323 United States Department of Agriculture as citrus fruit 1324 inspectors.

1325 Section 38. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (1) and 1326 subsection (2) of section 604.21, Florida Statutes, are amended 1327 to read:

1328 604.21 Complaint; investigation; hearing.-

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(b) To be considered timely filed, a complaint together
with any required affidavits or notarizations must be received
by the department within 6 months after the date of sale by

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electronic transmission, facsimile, regular mail, certified mail, or private delivery service. If the complaint is sent by a service other than electronic mail or facsimile, the mailing shall be postmarked or dated on or before the 6-month deadline to be accepted as timely filed.

1338 (d) A person, partnership, corporation, or other business 1339 entity filing a complaint shall submit to the department a the 1340 following documents: three completed complaint affidavit 1341 affidavits on a form provided by the department which bears with 1342 an original signature of an owner, partner, general partner, or 1343 corporate officer and an original notarization and which is 1344 accompanied by on each affidavit. If the complaint is filed by 1345 electronic transmission or facsimile, the original affidavits 1346 and original notarizations shall be filed with the department not later than the close of business of the tenth business day 1347 1348 following the electronic transmission or facsimile filing. 1349 Attached to each complaint affidavit shall be copies of all 1350 documents that to support the complaint. Supporting documents 1351 may include be copies of invoices, bills of lading, packing or 1352 shipping documents, demand letters, or any other documentation 1353 to support the claim. In cases in which there are multiple 1354 invoices are being claimed, a summary list of all claimed 1355 invoices must accompany the complaint.

(2) Upon the filing of <u>a such complaint under this</u> subsection in the manner herein provided, the department shall investigate the <u>complaint and matters complained of; whereupon</u>, if <u>it finds that</u>, in the opinion of the department, the facts contained in the complaint warrant <u>it such action</u>, the department shall serve notice of the filing of complaint <u>on to</u>

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1362 the dealer against whom the complaint has been filed at the last 1363 address of record. Such notice shall be accompanied by a true 1364 copy of the complaint. A copy of such notice and complaint shall 1365 also be served on any to the surety company, if any, that 1366 provided the bond for the dealer, and the which surety company shall become party to the action. Such notice of the complaint 1367 1368 shall inform the dealer of a reasonable time within which to 1369 answer the complaint by advising the department in writing that 1370 the allegations in the complaint are admitted or denied or that 1371 the complaint has been satisfied. Such notice shall also inform 1372 the dealer and the surety company or financial institution of a 1373 right to request a hearing on the complaint, if requested.

1374 Section 39. Section 604.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to 1375 read:

1376 604.33 Security requirements for grain dealers.-Each grain 1377 dealer doing business in the state shall maintain liquid security, in the form of grain on hand, cash, certificates of 1378 deposit, or other nonvolatile security that can be liquidated in 1379 1380 10 days or less, or cash bonds, surety bonds, or letters of 1381 credit, that have been assigned to the department and that are 1382 conditioned to secure the faithful accounting for and payment to 1383 the producers for grain stored or purchased, in an amount equal to the value of grain which the grain dealer has received from 1384 1385 grain producers for which the producers have not received 1386 payment. The bonds must be executed by the applicant as 1387 principal and by a surety corporation authorized to transact 1388 business in the state. The certificates of deposit and letters of credit must be from a recognized financial institution doing 1389 1390 business in the United States. Each grain dealer shall report to

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1391	the department monthly, on or before a date established by rule									
1392	of the department, the value of grain she or he has received									
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1394	and the types of trans	and the types of transaction involved, showing the value of each								
1395	type of transaction. The report shall also include a statement									
1396	showing the type and amount of security maintained to cover the									
1397	grain dealer's liability to producers. The department may shall									
1398	make at least one spot check annually of each grain dealer to									
1399	determine compliance with the requirements of this section.									
1400	Section 40. <u>Secti</u>	tion 582.03, Florida Statutes, is repealed.								
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1424		Section	64.	Section	582.45,	Florida	Statutes,	is	repealed.
1425		Section	65.	Section	582.46,	Florida	Statutes,	is	repealed.
1426		Section	66.	Section	582.47,	Florida	Statutes,	is	repealed.
1427		Section	67.	Section	582.48,	Florida	Statutes,	is	repealed.
1428		Section	68.	Section	582.49,	Florida	Statutes,	is	repealed.
1429		Section	69.	Section	589.26,	Florida	Statutes,	is	repealed.
1430		Section 70. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this							
1431	act,	t, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016.							